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Amendment No. 1 to HB0975

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1243

House Bill No. 975*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a special joint study committee on ethics, which shall undertake a thorough study of the current status of the ethics laws in Tennessee including the impact of the 2006 reform legislation. The special joint committee shall consist of ten (10) members of the house of representatives and six (6) members of the senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers. The special joint committee shall be convened after October 1, 2007 by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary to carry out its duties. The committee may conduct its meetings at such places and times as it deems necessary to carry out its work effectively. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly. The Tennessee ethics commission and all other appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the committee on the request of the chair. The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations for state action, including any proposed legislation, to the speaker of the house, the speaker of the senate, and the members of the house and senate state and local government committees of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly no later than March 1, 2008, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.